

U.S. Consulate General Yekaterinburg, Russia
Security Message for U.S. Citizens –
Security Message for U.S. Citizens: May 28 Border Guard Day Celebration
May 28, 2015

U.S. Consulate General Yekaterinburg informs U.S. citizens that Thursday, May 28, 2015, is Border Guard Day in Russia. Traditionally on this day, current and former border guards gather in public parks to celebrate with their colleagues, friends, and family. Participants often wear uniforms, including green and white striped shirts, green berets, or green hats.

While the majority of these gatherings are peaceful, some past celebrations have been marred with unruly behavior such as public drunkenness and small-scale physical altercations. To help maintain public order this year, a supplemented police presence will likely be seen noticed in parks throughout the city of Yekaterinburg, including up to 3000 celebrants in Mayakovskovo Park, where large numbers of Border Guards typically gather.

As with all large gatherings, citizens are urged to review your personal security plans, maintain a low-profile, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

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